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Angel Island Immigration Station to Mark 100th Anniversary with 100 new U.S. Citizens

**Next Thursday, January 21, 2010 – 10 a.m.
Herbst Theater, San Francisco**

On the 100th anniversary of the Angel Island Immigration Station, next Thursday, 100 immigrants will take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States and become U.S. citizens. The event in San Francisco will be hosted by California State Parks, the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

On this day, from the White House, President Barak Obama will issue a proclamation in honor of what has become known as the "Ellis Island of the West." Angel Island was the site of the U.S. Immigration Station from 1910 to 1940.

The event will be held at 10 a.m. on January 21 in the Herbst Theater at 401 Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco. Presenters, former detainees, and new citizens will be available for interviews in the Herbst Theater, room 110B, immediately following the ceremony.

Participating in the ceremony are presenters as follows:

Alejandro Mayorkas, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Ruth Coleman, Director, California State Parks

Eric Mar, Supervisor, San Francisco County Board of Supervisors

Buck Gee, President, Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation

Diane DiPrima and Janice Mirikitani, San Francisco Poet Laureates and

Nellie Wong, poet

Larry Crider, District Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Dr. Samuel So, recipient of the Outstanding American by Choice award from USCIS

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